

On page 4, line 9, increase the amount by \$1,081,000,000.

On page 4, line 10, increase the amount by \$3,785,000,000.

On page 4, line 18, increase the amount by \$1,081,000,000.

On page 4, line 19, increase the amount by \$3,785,000,000.

On page 5, line 2, increase the amount by \$47,081,000,000.

On page 5, line 3, increase the amount by \$70,685,000,000.

On page 5, line 10, increase the amount by \$47,081,000,000.

On page 5, line 11, increase the amount by \$117,766,000,000.

On page 5, line 18, increase the amount by \$47,081,000,000.

On page 5, line 19, increase the amount by \$117,766,000,000.

On page 25, line 24, increase the amount by \$1,081,000,000.

On page 25, line 25, increase the amount by \$1,081,000,000.

On page 26, line 3, increase the amount by \$3,785,000,000.

On page 26, line 4, increase the amount by \$3,785,000,000.

SA 479. Mr. SMITH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 21, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2008 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2007 and 2009 through 2012; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 3, line 14, decrease the amount by \$964,000,000.

On page 3, line 15, decrease the amount by \$2,199,000,000.

On page 3, line 23, decrease the amount by \$964,000,000.

On page 4, line 1, decrease the amount by \$2,199,000,000.

On page 4, line 9, increase the amount by \$23,000,000.

On page 4, line 10, increase the amount by \$98,000,000.

On page 4, line 18, increase the amount by \$23,000,000.

On page 4, line 19, increase the amount by \$98,000,000.

On page 5, line 2, increase the amount by \$987,000,000.

On page 5, line 3, increase the amount by \$2,297,000,000.

On page 5, line 10, increase the amount by \$987,000,000.

On page 5, line 11, increase the amount by \$3,284,000,000.

On page 5, line 18, increase the amount by \$987,000,000.

On page 5, line 19, increase the amount by \$3,284,000,000.

On page 25, line 24, increase the amount by \$23,000,000.

On page 25, line 25, increase the amount by \$23,000,000.

On page 26, line 3, increase the amount by \$98,000,000.

On page 26, line 4, increase the amount by \$98,000,000.

SA 480. Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. SMITH) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 21, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2008 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2007 and 2009

through 2012; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title III, add the following:
SEC. —. DEFICIT-NEUTRAL RESERVE FUND FOR EXPANSION OF ABOVE-THE-LINE DEDUCTION FOR TEACHER CLASSROOM SUPPLIES.

The Chairman of the Senate Committee on the Budget may revise the allocations, aggregates, and other levels in this resolution by the amounts provided by a bill, joint resolution, amendment, motion, or conference report that would permanently extend and increase to \$400 the above-the-line deduction for teacher classroom supplies and expand such deduction to include qualified professional development expenses, provided that such legislation would not increase the deficit over the total of the period of fiscal years 2007 through 2012.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. SALAZAR. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 20, 2007, at 9:30 a.m., in open session to receive testimony on the Air Force in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2008 and the future years defense program.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. SALAZAR. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 20, 2007, at 10 a.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building. The purpose of this hearing is to promote travel to America, and to examine economic and security concerns.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. SALAZAR. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 20, 2007, at 2:30 p.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building. The purpose of this hearing is to discuss innovation in energy technology.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. SALAZAR. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 20, 2007, at 10 a.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building. The purpose of the hearing is to consider the nomination of Stephen Jeffrey Isakowitz, of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer of the Department of Energy.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. SALAZAR. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session on Tuesday, March 20, 2007, at 10 a.m., in 215 Dirksen Senate Office Building, to hear testimony on "Realizing a Competitive Education: Identifying Needs, Partnerships and Resources."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. SALAZAR. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 20, 2007, at 10 a.m. to hold a hearing on Chad.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. SALAZAR. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on "Combating War Profiteering: Are We Doing Enough to Investigate and Prosecute Contracting Fraud and Abuse in Iraq?" on Tuesday, March 20, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. in Dirksen Senate Office Building Room 226.

Witness List

The Honorable Stuart W. Bowen, Jr., Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction, Arlington, VA; Thomas F. Gimble, Acting Inspector General, U.S. Department of Defense, Arlington, VA; Barry Sabin, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PERMANENT SUBCOMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATIONS

Mr. SALAZAR. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations be authorized to meet on Tuesday, March 20, 2007, at 2:30 p.m., for a hearing entitled "Medicare Doctors Who Cheat on Their Taxes and What Should Be Done About It."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. SALAZAR. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 20, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. to hold a closed hearing.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON ANTITRUST, COMPETITION POLICY AND CONSUMER RIGHTS

Mr. SALAZAR. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights be authorized to meet on Tuesday, March 20, 2006, at 2:15 p.m., to conduct a hearing on "The OX-Sirius Merger: Monopoly or Competition from New Technologies" in room 226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

Witness List: Mel Karmazin, Chief Executive Officer, Sirius Satellite Radio, New York, NY; Mary Quass, President and CEO, NRG Media, LLC, Cedar Rapids, IA; David Balto, Attorney at Law, Law Office of David Balto, Washington, DC; and Gigi B. Sohn, President, Public Knowledge, Washington, DC.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATIONAL PARKS

Mr. SALAZAR. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on National Parks be authorized to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 20, 2007, at 2:30 p.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony on the following bills: S. 126, to modify the boundary of Mesa Verde National Park, and for other purposes; S. 257, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to determine the feasibility of establishing the Columbia-Pacific National Heritage Area in the States of Washington and Oregon, and for other purposes; S. 289, to establish the Journey Through Hallowed Ground National Heritage Area, and for other purposes; S. 443, to establish the Sangre de Cristo National Heritage Area in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes; S. 444, to establish the South Park National Heritage Area in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes; S. 500 and H.R. 512, to establish the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of the National Museum of the American Latino, to develop a plan of action for the establishment and maintenance of a National Museum of the American Latino in Washington, DC, and for other purposes; S. 637, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of establishing the Chattahoochee Trace National Heritage Corridor in Alabama and Georgia, and for other purposes; S. 817, to amend the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 to provide additional authorizations for certain National Heritage Areas, and for other purposes; and S. Con. Res. 6, Expressing the sense of Congress that the National Museum of Wildlife Art, located in Jackson, Wyoming, should be designated as the "National Museum of Wildlife Art of the United States."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON RETIREMENT AND AGING

Mr. SALAZAR. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Retirement and Aging be authorized to hold a hearing on Alzheimer's research during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 20, 2007 at 10 a.m. in SH-216.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, on behalf of Senator GRASSLEY, I ask unanimous consent that Anne Freeman and Lynda Simmons of the Finance Committee staff be given privileges of the floor from March 19 through March 25.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that during consideration of the budget resolution and any votes thereon that Susan Reeves, a congressional fellow with the Budget Committee, and Seema Mittal, a Budget Committee intern, be granted floor privileges.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

IMPROVING AMERICA'S SECURITY ACT OF 2007

On Tuesday, March 13, 2007, the Senate passed S. 4, as amended, as follows:

S. 4

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Improving America's Security Act of 2007".

SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act:

(1) DEPARTMENT.—The term "Department" means the Department of Homeland Security.

(2) SECRETARY.—The term "Secretary" means the Secretary of Homeland Security.

SEC. 3. TABLE OF CONTENTS.

The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title.

Sec. 2. Definitions.

Sec. 3. Table of contents.

TITLE I—IMPROVING INTELLIGENCE AND INFORMATION SHARING WITHIN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND WITH STATE, LOCAL, AND TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS

Subtitle A—Homeland Security Information Sharing Enhancement

Sec. 111. Homeland Security Advisory System and information sharing.

Sec. 112. Information sharing.

Sec. 113. Intelligence training development for State and local government officials.

Sec. 114. Information sharing incentives.

Subtitle B—Homeland Security Information Sharing Partnerships

Sec. 121. State, Local, and Regional Fusion Center Initiative.

Sec. 122. Homeland Security Information Sharing Fellows Program.

Sec. 123. Rural Policing Institute.

Subtitle C—Interagency Threat Assessment and Coordination Group

Sec. 131. Interagency Threat Assessment and Coordination Group.

TITLE II—HOMELAND SECURITY GRANTS

Sec. 201. Short title.

Sec. 202. Homeland Security Grant Program.

Sec. 203. Equipment technical assistance training.

Sec. 204. Technical and conforming amendments.

TITLE III—COMMUNICATIONS OPERABILITY AND INTEROPERABILITY

Sec. 301. Dedicated funding to achieve emergency communications operability and interoperable communications.

Sec. 302. Border Interoperability Demonstration Project.

TITLE IV—EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANTS PROGRAM

Sec. 401. Emergency Management Performance Grants Program.

TITLE V—ENHANCING SECURITY OF INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

Sec. 501. Modernization of the visa waiver program.

Sec. 502. Strengthening the capabilities of the Human Smuggling and Trafficking Center.

Sec. 503. Enhancements to the Terrorist Travel Program.

Sec. 504. Enhanced driver's license.

Sec. 505. Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative.

Sec. 506. Model ports-of-entry.

TITLE VI—PRIVACY AND CIVIL LIBERTIES MATTERS

Sec. 601. Modification of authorities relating to Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board.

Sec. 602. Privacy and civil liberties officers.

Sec. 603. Department Privacy Officer.

Sec. 604. Federal Agency Data Mining Reporting Act of 2007.

TITLE VII—ENHANCED DEFENSES AGAINST WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION

Sec. 701. National Biosurveillance Integration Center.

Sec. 702. Biosurveillance efforts.

Sec. 703. Interagency coordination to enhance defenses against nuclear and radiological weapons of mass destruction.

TITLE VIII—PRIVATE SECTOR PREPAREDNESS

Sec. 801. Definitions.

Sec. 802. Responsibilities of the private sector office of the department.

Sec. 803. Voluntary national preparedness standards compliance; accreditation and certification program for the private sector.

Sec. 804. Sense of Congress regarding promoting an international standard for private sector preparedness.

Sec. 805. Demonstration project.

Sec. 806. Report to Congress.

Sec. 807. Rule of construction.

TITLE IX—TRANSPORTATION SECURITY PLANNING AND INFORMATION SHARING

Sec. 901. Transportation security strategic planning.

Sec. 902. Transportation security information sharing.

Sec. 903. Transportation Security Administration personnel management.

Sec. 904. Appeal rights and employee engagement mechanism for passenger and property screeners.

Sec. 905. Plan for 100 percent scanning of cargo containers.

TITLE X—INCIDENT COMMAND SYSTEM

Sec. 1001. Preidentifying and evaluating multijurisdictional facilities to strengthen incident command; private sector preparedness.

Sec. 1002. Credentialing and typing to strengthen incident command.

TITLE XI—CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROTECTION

Sec. 1101. Critical infrastructure protection.